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**PETITION TO ACCEPT UNAVOIDABLY DELAYED PAYMENT OF
MAINTENANCE FEE IN AN EXPIRED PATENT (37 CFR 1.378(b))**

Docket Number (Optional)
140-032

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Patent No. RE38,861 Application Number 09/432,984

Issue Date 11/01/05 Filing Date 11/02/99

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☒ is a reissue of original Patent No. 5,696,375 original issue date 12/09/97 ;
original application number 08/560,396 ,
original filing date 11/17/95

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1. SMALL ENTITY

☐ Patentee claims, or has previously claimed, small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

2. LOSS OF ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS

☒ Patentee is no longer entitled to small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27(g).

3. MAINTENANCE FEE (37 CFR 1.20(e)-(g))

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The appropriate maintenance fee must be submitted with this petition, unless it was paid earlier.

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MAINTENANCE FEE BEING SUBMITTED \$ 2300

4. SURCHARGE

The surcharge required by 37 CFR 1.20(i)(1) of \$ 700 (Fee Code 1557) must be paid as a condition of accepting unavoidably delayed payment of the maintenance fee.

SURCHARGE FEE BEING SUBMITTED \$ 700

5. MANNER OF PAYMENT

☒ Enclosed is a check for the sum of \$ 3000

☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. _____ the sum of \$ _____. A duplicate copy of this authorization is attached.

☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

6. AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE ANY FEE DEFICIENCY

☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any maintenance fee, surcharge or petition fee deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23-0420. A duplicate copy of this authorization is attached.

7. OVERPAYMENT

As to any overpayment made please

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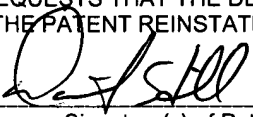
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8. SHOWING

The enclosed statement will show that the delay in timely payment of the maintenance fee was unavoidable since reasonable care was taken to ensure that the maintenance fee would be paid timely and that this petition is being filed promptly after the patentee was notified of, or otherwise became aware of, the expiration of the patent. The statement must enumerate the steps taken to ensure timely payment of the maintenance fee, the date and the manner in which the patentee became aware of the expiration of the patent, and the steps taken to file the petition promptly.

9. PETITIONER(S) REQUESTS THAT THE DELAYED PAYMENT OF THE MAINTENANCE FEE BE ACCEPTED AND THE PATENT REINSTATED.

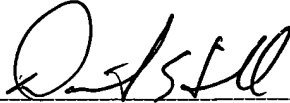
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ENCLOSURES:

- ☒ Maintenance Fee payment
- ☒ Statement why maintenance fee was not paid timely
- ☒ Surcharge under 37 CFR 1.20(i)(1) (fee for filing the maintenance fee petition)
- ☒ Other: Postcard

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37 CFR 1.378(d) states: "Any petition under this section must be signed by an attorney or agent registered to practice before the Patent and Trademark Office, or by the patentee, the assignee, or other party in interest."



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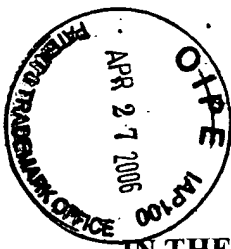
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STATEMENT

(In the space below, please provide the showing of unavoidable delay recited in paragraph 8 above.)

See attached Declaration of David M. Hill, Esq. In Support of Petition to Accept Unavoidable Delayed Payment of Maintenance Fee in an Expired Patent

(Please attach additional sheets if additional space is needed)



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Melvin A. Park Group Art Unit: 2881
Serial No.: 09/432,984 Examiner: J. Berman
Patent No.: RE38,861 Issue Date: November 1, 2005
Filed: November 2, 1999 Atty. Doc. No.: 140-032
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**DECLARATION OF DAVID M. HILL, ESQ. IN SUPPORT OF
PETITION TO ACCEPT UNAVOIDABLY DELAYED PAYMENT
OF MAINTENANCE FEE IN AN EXPIRED PATENT**

I, David M. Hill, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am an attorney at the law firm of Ward & Olivo.
2. Ward & Olivo has for several years utilized the Computer Packaging, Inc.

docketing system (hereinafter "the docketing system") to docket all patent-related due dates, including due dates for maintenance fee payments.

3. After the issue date for a patent is entered into the docketing system, reminders for maintenance fee payment due dates (i.e., 3.5 years, 7.5 years, etc.) are automatically scheduled.

4. U.S. Patent Reissue No. 38,861 ("the '861 patent") reissued on November 1, 2005 from U.S. Patent No. 5,696,375, which issued on December 9, 1997 ("the '375

patent”).

5. The issue dates for the ‘861 and ‘375 patents were properly entered into the docketing system.

6. Prior to June 9, 2005, the docketing system generated a reminder that the 7.5 year maintenance fee for the ‘861 patent was due.

7. The 7.5 year maintenance fee was not paid by June 9, 2005.

8. A reminder letter about payment of the 7.5 year maintenance fee was sent to the client on or about August 31, 2005.

9. After August 31, 2005 and on or prior to December 9, 2005, the docketing system failed to generate a reminder that the 7.5 year maintenance fee and surcharge for the ‘861 patent were due.

10. The six-month grace period for payment of the 7.5 year maintenance fee for the ‘861 patent ended on December 9, 2005, before it was discovered by me that the six-month maintenance fee grace period reminder was not automatically generated by the docketing system.

11. The docketing system has now been corrected to automatically schedule reminders for the six-month grace period for the payment of maintenance fees.

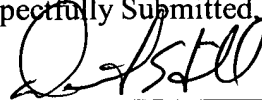
12. The delay in payment of the 7.5 year maintenance fee for the ‘861 patent was thus unavoidable.

I declare further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so

made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Date: April 20, 2006

Respectfully Submitted,



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